



Housing Authority of the City of Alameda

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ALAMEDA HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

The Commission was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Gormley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Balde, Pratt, Schlueter and Chair Gormley.

Absent: Commissioner Kurrasch and Trujillo.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Pratt moved to adopt the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Schlueter seconded. Motion carried unanimously. All items accepted or adopted are indicated with an asterisk.

*2-A. Minutes of the Housing Commission Regular Meeting held August 15, 2007. Minutes were accepted.

*2-B. Draft Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Special Meeting held September 4, 2007. These draft minutes were for information only.

*2-C. Budget Variance Report. This report was accepted.

*2-D. Revised Residential Lease Agreement and House Rules (Esperanza). The Housing Commission adopted the proposed changes to the Esperanza Residential Lease Agreement, the Esperanza Grievance Procedure and the House Rules.

*2-E. Prorated Housing Assistance for Mixed Families (Public Housing). The Housing Commission adopted the proposed changes to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy clarifying the proration of assistance for public housing mixed families.

3. AGENDA

3-A. Quarterly and Annual Police Report. Executive Director Pucci announced this was Officer Jennifer Basham's last Housing Commission meeting her last day is September 20, 2007. Officers are with the Housing Authority for about a year and her replacement is Officer Paul Hischier. Chair Gormley thanked Officer Basham for her service. Mr. Pucci asked Officer Basham why the "Other" category was so high at both Parrot Village and Esperanza. Officer Basham replied it could be towed vehicles; DOA's, reports for loitering, etc., and said "Other" covers a wide range of reports that are not crime related. She explained whenever there is a brewing problem additional patrols and enforcement activity from other officers are requested, which in turn corresponds to an increase in reports made. Officer Basham mentioned a few families, and their friends, created problems. Those problems have been addressed by the Housing Managers and, since the departure of those individuals; there has been a steady decrease in problems and complaints. Mr. Pucci said Eagle Village had two complaints and one arrest; this is a consistently low crime area possibly because it has smaller units and families.

Commissioner Pratt asked about thefts and burglaries. Officer Basham explained that thefts are generally petty thefts and are happening at a high rate citywide. She gave some examples and explained burglary is defined as someone entering a residence.

Chair Gormley said similar reports are filed at Independence Plaza when incidents happen in the area. Officer Basham said these are usually culled out. Mr. Pucci further explained that the reports are refined as Officer Basham said.

Chair Gormley asked how a car running through the fence is reported. Officer Basham said it is reported as "Other" since it is on Housing Authority property. The Housing Authority hopes to recover the cost to fix the fence from the driver's insurance.

Commissioner Pratt asked Officer Basham about her next assignment. Officer Basham said she will be on regular patrol.

The Housing Commission accepted this report and direct staff to forward the annual statistics to the Chief Executive Officer for review.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Speaker Michael Torrey asked about the Esperanza Resident Manager. Mr. Pucci said Bruce Sweeney bought a home. The Housing Authority has been advertising for a new Resident Manager at Esperanza and interviews will be held soon.

Speaker Michael Torrey asked about the status of the Independence Plaza parking lot. Mr. Pucci said the National Park Service sent the Deed of Release, which gets the restrictions released from about 16,000 square feet at Neptune Park and the restrictions get placed on the 5,190 square feet at Towata Park. Of the 16,000 square feet, over 11,000 will be for the parking lot, the other 5,000 will go for widening Webster Street to make a bus pull-out when they improve Willie Stargell Way. It may go to the October 2, 2007 Board of Commissioners meeting for approval.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Balde remarked that no pets are allowed at Eagle Village but she sees a lot of dogs. Mr. Pucci said the policy needs to be enforced but some dogs could be assisted living animals which are allowed if the owners get documentation from their doctor. He also said some dogs may be there in violation of the lease. Commissioner Balde explained how a pit bull is left outside by her next door neighbor. Mr. Pucci said even visiting animals are not allowed unless they are an assisted living animal. Mr. Pucci said he will notify tenants about the policy again.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Chair Gormley adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Nancy W. Gormley, Chair

Attest:

Michael T. Pucci
Executive Director / Secretary